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PHOSPHATE AND METHODS OF ITS USE

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REPONSE TO EXAMINER ACTION

In response to the Examiner Action mailed February 20, 2001, Applicants provide the following species election.

In response to a requirement to elect a species of biologically active agent, Applicants elect the species of bone protein. Currently, claims 40, 42, 43, 103, 111-116, 118-130, 132-142 and 144-148 are generic to the elected species of bone protein and all pending claims read on the elected species.

In response to a requirement to elect a species of supplemental material, Applicants elect demineralized bone. Currently, claims 40, 42, 43, 013, 111-120, 122134, 136-145, 147 and 148 are generic to the elected species of demineralized bone and all pending claims read on the elected species.

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Respectfully submitted,

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